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SHAWS CREEK WATERSHED AGRICULTURAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE

Applicant	Landowner (if different from Applicant)*
Name: _____	Name: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Mobile: _____	Mobile: _____
Business: _____	Business: _____
Mailing Address: _____ _____ _____	Mailing Address: _____ _____ _____
Physical Address (if different): _____ _____ _____	Physical Address (if different): _____ _____ _____
Landowner <input type="checkbox"/> Renter <input type="checkbox"/>	

***If applicant is not the landowner, complete the landowner information and have all parties sign all forms, or provide a copy of a 10-year lease in lieu of landowner signatures.**

Please answer the following questions:

1. Total Farm Acreage: _____

2. Land Use

Percent or acreage of farm in:

- Pastureland _____
- Cropland _____
- Other (i.e. non-pastured wetlands, natural areas) _____

3. Type of agricultural operation:

- ☐ Animals Type _____ Number: _____
 Type _____ Number: _____
 Type _____ Number: _____

Facility Number/DWQ Permit Number (if applicable) _____

- ☐ Crop (i.e. rotational wheat, soybeans, cotton, corn, rye, etc.)

Type: _____ Acreage: _____

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Type: _____ Acreage: _____

- ☐ Vineyard/Orchard: Type: _____ Acreage: _____
 Type: _____ Acreage: _____

- ☐ Nursery

- ☐ Animal Feed Operations: Type _____ Number: _____
Type _____ Number: _____

- ☐ Other (please describe) _____

4. Does your operation have any Animal Concentration Areas (ACAs)*? Yes ☐ No ☐

***Definition of Animal Concentration Areas (ACAs):** Livestock confinement areas other than indoor facilities and true pastures, including:

- Barnyards, feedlots, loafing areas, exercise lots, and similar animal confinement areas that will not maintain a growing crop
- Heavily stocked livestock areas where nutrients are applied by animals in excess of crop removal requirements
- Animal congregation areas within pastures that meet the above requirements, such as: supplemental feeding, shade, and watering areas

5. To your knowledge, does untreated, unfiltered runoff from the area enter a local waterway?

Yes ☐ No ☐

6. To your knowledge, is the area within 50 feet of an active well, spring, or sinkhole?

Yes ☐ No ☐

7. Is this a newly established farm operation?

Yes* ☐ No ☐

*If yes, please provide the date the operation was established: _____

8. Has the operation expanded in the last three (3) years?

Yes* ☐ No ☐

*If yes, please describe the expansion (i.e., land purchase, increase in # of animals, etc.):



9. Do you have farm records established with the USDA-Farm Service Agency?
Yes ☐ No ☐

10. Does the farm operation you are applying for have a USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Conservation Plan?
Yes* ☐ No ☐

*If yes:

- Attach a copy of the plan map.
- Provide the date of the Conservation Plan _____
- Provide the Conservation Plan Number _____
- Has the Plan been partially or fully implemented? No ☐ Partially ☐ Fully ☐

11. Please describe any conservation practices currently used on the farm. _____

Important Terms and Conditions of Application Award

No person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving EPA assistance on the basis of race, color, national origin, or on the basis of sex in any program or activity receiving EPA assistance under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, including the Environmental Financing Act of 1972.

The [Privacy Act of 1974](#) protects the personal information the federal government keeps on you in “systems of records (SOR)” (information an agency controls that can be retrieved by name or some other personal identifier). The Privacy Act regulates how the government can disclose, share, provide access to, and maintain the personal information that it collects. Not all information collected online is covered by the Privacy Act.

To be awarded funding the applicant must have control over the land for the duration of the proposed activity. The applicant certifies that the applicant will control the land subject to this application for the term of the activity which may be awarded. Upon request, the applicant will need to provide evidence demonstrating that such applicant has control of the land for the period. Where applicable, consultation with the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs or other agencies will be conducted. The applicant shall not be eligible for payments for any of the following: (1) practices or activities the participant is required to implement to address non-compliance with the HELC and WC provisions at 7 CFR part 12 (AMA participants are not subject to HELC or WC provisions); (2) a non-land based structure that is not integral to a land based practice or activity; (3) practices and activities that were applied with financial assistance through any other USDA conservation or SCDHEC 319 program; (4) practices or activities that were initiated or implemented prior to contract obligation.

The applicant will be responsible for obtaining the authorities, permits, easements, or other approvals necessary for the implementation, operation, and maintenance of the conservation practices and activities in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. An applicant or participant must comply with all laws and is responsible for all effects or actions resulting from the performance of any awarded grant.

The applicant must begin an awarded project within 3 months and complete the same project within 6 months of the award unless a requested extension has been approved.



The applicant will establish or implement, to NRCS Standards and Specifications based on inspections conducted by the City of Aiken, SWCD or NRCS inspector, any awarded conservation practices as described in the award. The applicant will operate and maintain these practices or activities for the intended purpose and life span of the awarded conservation practices. In cases where the land is transferred to new ownership or management the awarded conservation practices must be transferred to subsequent owners or managers.

Approved applications will receive up to 75% of the average NRCS cost of practice. The contract must be signed prior to project implementation to receive reimbursement – no funds will be reimbursed without prior written approvals.

Applicants will need to allow the City's conservation technician or other representative designated by the City to access to the land and to maintain proof of payments documentation for a minimum of 3 years after the completion of the awarded project.

If an applicant fails to carry-out the terms and conditions, it is determined the contract will violate a statute or regulation, or the applicant dies without transfer of the award to an eligible person with 90 days of an awarded project, the contract may be terminated without liability.

In the event an applicant is awarded funds and violates the terms of the agreement and the contract is terminated, the applicant will be required to refund any payments and will be required to pay an amount equal to 10 percent of the total financial assistance obligated to the applicant. This liquidated damages payment is for recovery of administrative costs and technical services and is not a penalty.

Your application must include a W-9 form to be considered. These forms are available at the following Link: <http://www.irs.gov/uac/Form-W-9,-Request-for-Taxpayer-Identification-Number-and-Certification> or can be obtained by request.

Please submit your application to the following address:

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Questions should be addressed to:

Ken Montgomery at (803) 643-2123 or kmontgomery@cityofaikensc.gov.

I hereby apply for financial assistance under the Shaws Creek Watershed Agricultural Financial Assistance Program for the implementation of conservation practices on the property. I understand the Program may require a financial contribution from the applicant. This application does not guarantee cost share approval or obligate the applicant to enter into a financial assistance agreement. For the purposes of developing and implementing my application, I authorize the release of records that are in custody of USDA. I acknowledge that producer, landowner and farm information provided on this application and/or accompanying documents, including information and documents received from the USDA, are subject to the South Carolina Public Records Law and may be disclosed to third parties.

Applicant Signature _____

Date _____

Landowner Signature _____

Date _____